

## Children's Work

We have been involved in the art of storytelling. Tanya Batt is cycling from Waiheke to Wellington fundraising for the Spoke N Word Storytelling and Cycling Project. Tanya shared her stories with us and we got to make one up together.



## Board of Trustees News

### Property

The BOT has appointed Ricci Maniapoto as the new Project Manager for the Admin Upgrade. We are using MOE funds assigned to the project along with a small contribution from school funds. Next year the MOE will be providing funding for classroom upgrades.

The BOT is in the process of drawing up the 10 year property plan. This plan keeps us on track financially with works that need to be carried out e.g. external painting, guttering replacement and the like. In the process we are looking at the grounds and identifying areas needing improvement. We would welcome suggestions from parents on anything they may have noticed. Once our list is complete we will prioritise the work.

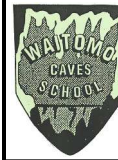
### BOT Chair

This position is filled annually within the BOT – Alannah Batger will be the BOT Chair for 2011.

This year, in addition to ongoing activities including the admin upgrade, the BOT will be reviewing portions of the Charter and all school policies. M. Ash

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

21 February	Small Schools Swimming Sports	
23 February	Hearing and Vision Testing	
28 February	Seniors swim in Otorohanga	
2 March	COP's Swimming Sports	
4 March	Community Assembly	
10 March	Parent meeting 7.00pm	Mrs T Dimond
26 March	Waitomo Sports Day	Principal ☺



# Newsletter

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Term One 2011

Week Three – 18 February

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

We would like to remind parents and children that the school driveway is not a walkway. Please ensure you walk on the pathway along the fence line and field.

Please help your children check drawers at home as we are missing some school sports t-shirts.

If your child or children are bringing noodles to school for lunch please remember to provide a dish and fork for ease of preparing the food.

### Parent Meeting

Thank you for the fantastic turn out of parents and caregivers at the recent parent meeting. If parents were unable to attend and would like to catch up with details please give me a ring at school.

A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10 March at 7.00pm to focus goals in relation to the National Standards in reading, writing and maths for each year group.

### Small Schools Swimming Sports

Small Schools Swimming Sports will be held on Monday starting at



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10.00am. This swimming event involves all Year 4 to 8 students in the senior class. We will need to assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.45am on Monday morning. We require parental support, could parents please contact the school if you are able to help with transport.

Swimmers will need togs, towel, cap, goggles, lunch, sun hat, drink and snacks. Children may like to bring money as there will be an opportunity to purchase food and drinks from the food stall.

On Wednesday 2 March our strongest swimmers from Year 4 to 8 will compete at the COP's swimming sports. Again we will need help with transport so students can assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

### **Fundraising Committee**

A fundraising committee group met this week with projects in mind and tasks ahead to raise money for school. There have been areas identified for raising money such as the snow camp, shade gazebo, painting the pool, raised basketball goals and more.

Our major fundraiser for the year is the Sports Day canteen, if however there are any opportunities you are aware of that may generate funds for our school then please contact the school.

An opportunity has arisen on the Verry farm that will raise a considerable amount of money. The committee feel this is a good chance for adult helpers to rally together where funds raised will go towards your child's camp expenses. There will be other activities as well that parents can support so contributions can go towards camp expenses. Dawn and Marci will be in contact with parents to get some feedback for the work involved and a possible date.

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day is coming up on Saturday 26 March and we need your help. It may seem early but please think about the following. We need cakes, biscuits, muffins, baking, savoury slices and a variety of goodies to sell at the canteen. We need chocolates, Easter eggs and treats for the Easter raffle. We also need people on the day to help in the canteen, make filled rolls, crank up the sausage sizzle and sell raffles. If you have any questions please contact Myke on 0211783764.

### **Hearing and Vision Checks**

Vision Hearing Technician, Sue Collier will be visiting school on Wednesday 23 February to complete routine tests for new entrants and Year 7 students.

### **Metal Fundraising**

If anybody has any heavy metal such as farm machinery, motors, heavy cast or steel, brass, copper etc please ring Batch 027 515 0034 or contact the school 878 7534.

### **Bus Run**

Our bus driver, Colin, will be rescheduled to drive the Maihihi School run which means we are expecting a new driver by the name of Bonnie. Colin has been a super efficient person to work with and we will miss him. All the best Colin.

### **Community Assembly**

Our first community assembly will be held at school on Friday 4 March at 2.00pm. Please come along and enjoy the achievements children have to share with you.

### **Missing Cans**

Unfortunately the large sack of cans we have been collecting for recycling has disappeared. It had been noticed missing over the summer break. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please let us know. We raise approximately \$200 at a time with recycling cans so it's disappointing to see something like this happen.

### **School Laundry**

We are calling for volunteers to help with washing the school towels. Every fortnight there is a basket full of washing and it would be great if we could get some help to have these washed and sent back to school for the following weeks use.

## **Community News**

Earn \$\$\$ for our school with **PGG Wrightson** Cash for Communities. Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 7 February & 31 March 2011 can earn \$2 to be donated for every tonne of fertiliser and for every \$500 spent on selected chemicals or seed. Please help with fundraising and nominate our school.

**Kiwisport Cricket** afterschool programme. Thursday's 24 Feb, 3 & 10 March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Te Kuiti Domain on Rora Street. FREE for Primary School age groups, bring a hat, shoes, drink and sun block.

**Otorohanga Athletic Club and Otorohanga Swimming Club TRIATHLON** Tuesday 22 February at the Oto Domain/Pools, 5.15pm onwards.